

The Messenger.

ABLE MEN ON HAWAII ANNEXATION

It is gratifying to know that there is strong opposition in the senate to the Hawaiian annexation treaty. It is not strong enough to divide the members, but there are enough probably to prevent the two-thirds vote necessary to pass it. We shall be very glad indeed if the bad measure shall be defeated. We regard it as a very dangerous step without proper justification, with far reaching consequences, and as setting a precedent that may involve our country in interminable difficulties in the years ahead. If the democrats help the republicans to pass the bill they deserve to be repudiated to a man by all conservative, patriotic members of the party.

We referred lately to the views of Mr. Hon. James Bryce, member of the British parliament, and a statesman of ripe judgment, a writer of distinguished ability, and a calm, fair-headed observer and student. He is in the fulness of a high mental prime, having been born in 1838. He was educated at the universities of Glasgow and Oxford. He is a lawyer, a man of affairs, the author of several able works, among them that very remarkable history, "The Holy Roman Empire," published before he was twenty-five, and "The American Commonwealth," the best work ever written upon American scholars and men of letters as the very best work ever written upon American institutions. He has written other able works. In The New York Forum for December there is a paper from his practical and able pen upon "The Policy of Annexation for America." We wish every public official in Washington would study this pregnant essay. We would be glad if all editors would give it a patient, careful reading. It would be well for the country if all fairly intelligent electors could read it. It is calm, clear, full but not very long. It shows a more perfect mastery of the subject than any of our American politicians or electors or magazine contributors have shown. It is a wise, conclusive statement of objections to the annexation craze that has taken possession of political cranks and demagogues. We doubt if any man who seriously favors this mania is a safe man enough to be trusted with public office.

The Messenger several times presented some of the objections to this recent passion for annexing foreign territory and bringing into the American union the off-scourings of creation. While there are many men in the congress who will vote tomorrow, or at any time, for restricting the ballot, or applying a very rigid test to foreign immigration so as to limit it, they will with the most brazen inconsistency advocate the annexation of islands that will introduce into the American union a large class of most undesirable voters, a class without the slightest qualifications for American citizenship. But let us turn to Mr. Bryce's paper. But before doing so, let us first mention another paper in the same number of The Forum, on the "Unconstitutionality of the Hawaiian Treaty." It is by the venerable and able ex-Chief Justice Daniel, Agnew of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. He is a republican and voted for President Harrison. He is opposed to the treaty because "it is unconstitutional, unwise, and dangerous." These propositions he makes good. If the treaty is a violation of organic law, is unconstitutional, how dare any senator support it, and how dare the president to so far forget the sacred instrument as to be a party to such a treaty? Justice Agnew says that "there is no express power in the constitution to acquire and incorporate a foreign territory and people into the union. Precedents are cited to justify the annexation of Hawaii. Precedent does not amend the constitution. Amendment requires a vote of two-thirds of congress, and three-fourths of the senate. Consent of the senate alone is not enough. Precedent belongs to the leges non scriptas; it has no force except by usage and consent, and must be precisely in point. There is no precedent to justify the admission by treaty of Hawaii. The purchasers of Louisiana, Florida and Alaska are cited; but these are not in point. A purchase authorized by the constitution can be justified only by an overruling necessity for the national safety. To warrant the exercise of a power not found in the constitution, the necessity must be clear and imperative. Without this it is a violation of the oath of office. The life of the Constitution is as sacred to the people as natural life is to the individual." The able jurist goes into the consideration, at some length, of the purchases of Louisiana, Florida and Alaska, to make each case clear and to show that they stood upon a totally different footing from the proposed annexation scheme of Hawaii. Those who would understand the matter clearly would do well to read the article in The Forum. He says that Hawaii is 5,000 miles from our seat of government. That if received the incorporation would confer "a citizenship upon aliens not within the naturalization laws, comprehending 24,407 Japanese, 21,616 Chinese, 31,019 Hawaiians, 8,485 Half-breeds, some South Sea Islanders, besides 15,191 Portuguese, 2,250 Englishmen, 1,432 Germans, and a few others. It will

give Hawaii two senators and a congressman, alien in character and foreign in interest, to vote on American measures. It will confer a right to send sugar and other products into our ports without payment of duties. It will endanger the Monroe Doctrine: we cannot acquire distant ocean lands, and yet debar Europe from American possessions.

"We incur constant danger from the natives seeking to recover their rights: they must be kept in subjugation by force of arms. We should be bound by the existing treaties of Hawaii with foreign nations, and thereby be liable to foreign complications. 'This mixed brown, yellow, and dusky people, partly pagan, cannot be absorbed by assimilation; for they cannot marry with American whites.

"In his inaugural, Mr. McKinley warned the people against 'a citizenship too ignorant to understand, or too vicious to appreciate, the great value and beneficence of our institutions and our laws.' At that moment Hawaii was below his horizon."

Let men of sense consider this statement made by a man learned in the law, of large observation, and of distinguished abilities.

That the question of annexation is of immense importance is known to all who have given it attention and who understand the consequences mapped in the project. Mr. Bryce opens his remarkable paper by saying that "few questions are of more importance to the United States than those which are raised by the proposals recently made that the republic should acquire territory lying in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean." Any such acquisition, he holds, "would constitute a new departure of a serious nature." But the McKinleys and Morgans do not care for these things, snap their fingers at objections, shut their eyes and madly plunge into the seething vortex. Mr. Bryce feels the importance to the extent that he thinks it should "be closely examined from every point of view." He says his own country "has no direct interest in the fortunes of either Cuba or Hawaii. She has no wish to obtain any fresh possessions in the West Indies; and indeed the condition of the islands which she does own is not such as to dispose her to hunger after any others—especially islands with a population like that of Cuba. The idea of taking it has never once been suggested. As for Hawaii, Britain might have had it years and years ago, and did not care to take it."

We will try to give a glimpse in another article of some of his points. But to appreciate the force and excellence of his very lucid and impressive paper, you must read it carefully. It is the production of a finely disciplined mind and equitable temper with uncommon sanity of judgment.

HOME FOLKS.

A long editorial from the Messenger on "Sheep Raising in North Carolina" was copied in the Roxboro Courier and credited to the wrong paper. As it was perhaps the first article copied from the Messenger in a year or two in the Courier the miscredit was unfortunate for this paper.

Riley Pate, aged 18, kills his friend, aged 15, while drunk. He is to hang for his crime. It is stated in a Raleigh dispatch of yesterday that "the court expresses much sympathy in the case." The question is "sympathy" for whom? for the murdered little boy in his grave, or the drunken rowdy who slew him. If drunkenness palliates crime and saves necks, then all murderers need to do is to plead the "drunk act" and escape.

The good, burdened people of North Carolina have had to pay \$40,000 to lawyers to help incompetent attorney generals. The present governor, one Russell, has been diligently trying to increase the burdens here, and to that end keeps a bevy of lawyers employed at good pay. Russell is a tax increaser and he is disposed to favor "the gentlemen of the bar." But while they dance the people must pay the fiddler.

An admirer of the Slanderer says in his paper that the democrats are trying to down Butler. If the Slanderer has not "downed" himself then false accusation and heinous slander are virtues in North Carolina. If Butler is not in a hole of his own digging then good witnesses go for nothing.

"He digged a pit,
He digged it deep,
He digged it for his brother;
But, to punish his sin,
He did fall in
The pit he digged for t'other."

It would appear that the dark ages law, imprisonment for debt, that was revived by the rad-pop combine in the legislature is not without some good. Old delinquents to keep out of jail are paying back taxes, and those for the present year are toiling the mark with unusual promptness. It was a foolish law because based on wrong principle, but like some other bad laws it has worked some good. We have been solicitous that the authors of the law should in some way break into jail and find out for themselves how it is. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. It

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is a very dull axe that will not chop a stick.

If you would have an answer to the inquiry—Is crime increasing in North Carolina? You can get the answer by turning to the criminal dockets in the counties. Look at Wake, the largest county and the metropolitan county. There are now forty-eight prisoners in the jail a daily tax upon the people. It looks as if the rascals were every where, in the west, in the east, in the centre. They are no respecters of localities, of supposed civilization or of religious examples. Wake has numerous schools, is crowded with churches, perhaps 100 or more, and has the benefit of such shining examples of advanced intelligence and character as the late legislative body, and you see how it is. Sin rampant and rascality at a premium.

ANOTHER BICYCLE ACCIDENT

Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, Run Over and Badly Hurt, Last Night, by a Colored Bicycleist. He Will Be Laid Up Several Days.

Another serious bicycle accident occurred last night at 8:30 o'clock at Sixth and Market streets, Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, editor of The Messenger, being the victim. He was run into by R. B. Reardon, the colored barber, and was badly hurt.

Dr. Kingsbury, the Rev. J. W. Craig and Mr. Craig's little daughter were returning from Market Street N. E. church, and when they got to the northeast corner of Sixth and Market streets, (St. Paul's Lutheran church) they started to cross Market street towards Mr. George Harris's residence on the southeast corner. The little girl was between Dr. Kingsbury and her father, and they were holding her by each hand. Reardon came riding along at a good gait on Market street, on his way out, and when he came to the crossing he rang his bell. He was about twenty feet away from Dr. Kingsbury, who did not hear the wheel approaching, and who did not see very well. When he saw the lamp of the wheel he followed to the wheelman. "Look out, you will run over us." He then turned the little girl's hand loose and jumped to the right. The bicycle was only twenty feet away and the wheelman had turned to the left he saw the wheel was going to collide with the doctor. He, therefore, threw up his elbow and it struck Dr. Kingsbury, knocking him about eight feet to the hard paved street. Reardon and his wheel were violently overturned, but the wheelman got up, apologized to Dr. Kingsbury and tried to help him up. Dr. Kingsbury, however, was hurt so badly that he could not get up.

Mr. W. F. Robertson was on the street and went immediately to Dr. Kingsbury, and ex-Mayor W. N. Harris, who resides across the street, having heard the noise of the collision, also came out. With the assistance of Reardon and Mr. Craig, Messrs. Harris and Robertson got Dr. Kingsbury in a chair and carried him to the residence of ex-Mayor Harris.

Dr. A. H. Harris was telephoned and was soon on the spot, rendering relief. Dr. Kingsbury's right elbow was badly skinned and bruised, and his right hip and thigh were contused and sprained. After receiving treatment, Dr. Kingsbury was placed in a carriage and at 9:30 p. m. was taken to his home on South Third street, near Church street.

At last accounts last night he was in considerable pain, and especially when he moved, and he could not use his right leg. It seemed to be paralyzed, but no bones were broken.

Dr. Kingsbury says he cannot censure the wheelman, as he could not see well enough to observe the approach of the wheel. He will be laid up several days, we fear.

STATE PRESS.

One thing is certain, our forefathers always tried to guard against two things, the too great expansion of values on one hand, and the too great contraction of values on the other hand. The business of the republic might take on too much of the mushroom growth and burst as a bubble, and on the other hand, they tried to prevent an undue contraction of the currency, so that those who had a little money would not be able to depress values to that point where they could sell out the rest of the people and buy them in at a low price. They saw that neither extreme was healthy. Neither did they desire to cripple the treasury and necessitate the issue of bonds in time of peace, because they foresaw that the people might lose confidence in the finances of a young government just emerging from wars that had severely taxed her resources.—Wilson Times.

On last Saturday a republican was seen in one of our stores surrounded by a crowd. He was discussing the law that imprisons the poor man for non-payment of taxes. Said he, time has vindicated the wisdom of the law and it is one of the best ever placed on the statute books. The sheriff has collected more taxes with less trouble than ever before, the insolvent list will be less than in years, and the law is working so well that the people being endorsed by all good citizens who want the taxes collected. In front of that store another group had gathered. In it was a farmer and his colored hand, two of whom were men of families. For fear of being put in jail after this term of the court they had paid out their entire wages for taxes and were importing the farmer for a loan for wife and children who were at home without a mouthful to eat. This is no fancy picture. Comment is unnecessary.—Washington Messenger.

"We went into a grocery store in a certain North Carolina town the other day, and found its shelves groaning under the weight of canned corn from Maine, when no place on earth can produce corn more cheaply or of a better quality than North Carolina; canned peaches and tomatoes from Delaware and New Jersey, when peaches and tomatoes in fact all kinds of garden produce grow to perfection in our sunny climate; apples from New York, when well known authorities have declared that Western North Carolina can't be beat for fine apples; lard, side, pork and hams from the west, when the south has superior advantages for the production of pork. We went into a furniture store and found it well filled with furniture from the north. North Carolina has enough of the raw material of which furniture is made to supply the nation. We went into a dry goods store and found a magnificent display of dress goods, hosiery and clothing fresh from the New England factories. We went into an agricultural implement store and found a magnificent display of new machinery and machinery needed in the world for the next thousand years.—Rural Digest.

TO RESIST INTERVENTION

McKINLEY'S MESSAGE BEFORE SPANISH CABINET

Opinion of the European Press Outlined to the Queen—Majority of Them Favorable to Spain—Talk of Threatened Intervention by the United States—Cuban Insurgents Secure \$30,000 Spanish Gold—Spanish Guerrillas Join the Cubans—An Outbreak of Beri-Beri.

Madrid, December 9.—At a cabinet council today, the queen regent presiding, the premier, Senor Sagasta, outlined the opinions of the European press regarding President McKinley's message to congress, the majority of which the premier said, were favorable to Spain. He further declared that in the event of the United States wishing to intervene in Cuba, it would find the government prepared to defend the rights and honor of Spain. As to the military operations in Cuba, the premier informed the cabinet that the results obtained were satisfactory. The premier also said he did not attach importance to "the attitude of certain senators."

The impartial says today that it takes for granted that the government will make the necessary preparation "to meet the intervention threatened by President McKinley," adding: "If the new loan for the reorganization of the navy is floated, it is sure to succeed." The impartial also says: "The responsibility of the government is enormous if it fails to profit by the opportunity offered to place the country in a position to defend its interests."

The minister of the navy confirms the reports that the government is "making preparations to meet the threats of intervention."

December 9.—It was officially announced today from Spanish headquarters that a "group of rebels" has entered Caimanera, near Guantanamo, "favored by the treason of officers."

The insurgent force, the official report adds, consisted of forty guerrillas, volunteers and natives of Cuba. They are alleged to have plundered a store and to have carried off \$30,000, which was on a wharf, and which had recently arrived at Caimanera from Havana. It is also alleged that the insurgents killed the police inspector and two gendarmes on duty and seriously wounded a Spanish paymaster named Jose Vigil.

More Spanish guerrillas, the official announcement concludes, have joined the insurgents.

Caimanera is the port of Guantanamo, and is situated fifteen miles by rail from the latter place. It is on the bay of Guantanamo, otherwise Cumberland harbor.

The efforts made to refloat the dock recently towed to Cuba from England, which was submerged on Monday last while undergoing trials, have proved futile. The sinking of the dock is said to have been due to the pump becoming disabled.

Marshal Blanco has ordered distribution of rations among the concentrated troops, \$100,000 having been distributed among them in lieu of rations.

Advices from Matanzas show that more cases of beri-beri have occurred there.

The grinding of sugar cane, it is officially stated, has commenced at the plantations of Flora and San Vicente.

The insurgent brigadier general, Lino Perez, who was captured by Spanish troops on the heights of Banoa, has been released.

The Spanish troops at Roque, in the district of Sancti Spiritus, province of Santa Clara, according to official announcement, have been engaged with a number of insurgents, several of whom were killed. The troops, it is added, also captured seventeen insurgents and a quantity of arms and ammunition, while the insurgent colonel, Saniti, and an insurgent major afterward surrendered to the government force.

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Berlin, December 8.—It is rumored tonight that China has ceded Kiao-Chou to Germany. Whether the report be true or not, there is every indication in the preparation for the expedition under Prince Henry that a long stay is contemplated.

Emperor William will make the departure of Prince Henry's squadron from Kiel the occasion for an imposing naval display.

The Brandenburg, a first class battleship of more than 10,000 tons displacement, and the Wurtemberg, a second class battleship of nearly 7,500 tons, while coming from Christiana to Kiel to take part in the display, collided. Both vessels were injured, the Wurtemberg so badly that it was necessary to send her to drydock.

Mrs. McKinley Still Alive

Canton, Ohio, December 8.—Mrs. McKinley continues to grow weaker. During the evening she again aroused from her pained sleep. The awakening, however, was not accompanied by any appreciable rally. This was the condition at 11:30 o'clock. Up to that hour the patient remained in the deep sleep in which she reposed all day. When the doctor made his last call, finding her in this sleep, he thought she would live until morning. The president is almost constantly at the bedside, refusing to be relieved by others and to take the rest and exercise he should.

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